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- Q12. **What is your preferred method of contact?** Email
- Q13. **Would you like to receive further information and updates on IFOA and forestry matters?** Yes
- Q14. **Can the EPA make your submission public?** Yes, but anonymous
- Q15. **Have you previously engaged with the EPA on forestry issues?** No

**Q16. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA are most important to you? Why?**

The parts where it claims that logging rates can be increased, environmental protections decreased, currently protected areas logged, and clear-felling practised. These are important to me because these policies belong back in the last century and are an embarrassment to our country. It's time to end these barbarous practices and transition to plantation timber. It's time to recognise that the value of our forests is not just in immediate cash for logging companies.

**Q17. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA do you think have a positive outcome on the management of environmental values or the production of sustainable timber? Why?**

No opinion

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**Q18. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA do you think have a negative outcome on the management of environmental values or the production of sustainable timber? Why?**

I am deeply concerned with the changes outlined in this proposal and call on you to halt proceedings. Here are the issues I can see: 1. You can't log areas protected as habitat for endangered species and think that it will promote positive environmental values. Requirements for pre-logging independent surveys clearly needs to be retained. 2. Similarly, you can't reduce the stream buffer and call it a positive move. These should be increased to 30 m, to ensure the health of the system. 3. The forests as they now stand have value as more than just timber and it's time the native forestry logging industry was brought up to speed with current best environmental practice. 4. Clearfell logging is an embarrassment to this country. It is obviously a threat to the environment and belongs back in the last century. 5. If the logging industry can't make a profit then it's time to change the industry, not double down on raping the land for a quick fix. 6. The minister's assurance that "Existing RFA commitments to the protection of old growth, rainforest, rare non-commercial forest types and the Forest Management Zone (FMZ) layer will be maintained unchanged" needs to be honoured. It's ridiculous to remap protection zones. 7. Old growth and rainforest zones need to be protected as a matter of urgency and priority. Reducing the criteria and using revised methodology is a fraudulent trick. The full scope of criteria and methodology needs to be adhered to, as a minimum. 8. Hollow bearing trees should be protected, retained and restored. Large trees should be left in place to become hollow bearing in the future. 9. Nectar producing trees should also be protected, retained, and restored. Removing the need to protect feed trees is clearly wrong.

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**Q19. What are your views on the effectiveness of the combination of permanent environmental protections at the regional, landscape and operational scales (multi-scale protection)?**

No opinion.

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**Q20. In your opinion, would the draft Coastal IFOA be effective in managing environmental values and a sustainable timber industry? Why?**

No. It prioritises short-term corporate profits over long-term environmental and community values. It's short-sighted and a relic of a bygone era. We need to be stepping up and changing this game, and getting in line with the best practices worldwide. Sustainable timber is plantation timber so it's time we got moving with that and left existing publicly owned forests alone for the public good (carbon storage, water volumes and cleanliness, species diversity, tourism.) Employ the workers to restore the forests and plant the plantations.

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**Q21. General comments**

I'm appalled by this document and the changes it proposes. I strenuously object to its implementation and call on whoever has the power to stop it to wake up and do so.

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**Q22. Attach your supporting documents (Document 1)** not answered

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**Q23. Attach your supporting documents (Document 2)** not answered

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**Q24. Attach your supporting documents (Document 3)** not answered

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